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FOLLOWING IS UNOFFICIAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF MINISTRY
OF AGRICULTURE NOTICE ON SANITARY CERTIFICATION FOR SEED
POTATO IMPORTS:

BEGIN TEXT: NOTICE TO POTATO IMPORTERS

THIS IS TO INFORM POTATO IMPORTERS THAT, IN COMPLIANCE
WITH THE JUNE 11, 1932 DECREE, CONCERNING PHYTOSANITARY
CONTROL OF PLANTS IMPORTED, POTATOES, WHETHER FOR
SEEDING OR CONSUMPTION AND FROM WHATEVER ORIGIN, CANNOT
BE ADMITTED IN TUNISIA UNLESS THEY ARE ACCOMPANIED BY
AN INTERNATIONAL PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATE CERTIFYING
IN A "SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT" THAT THESE POTATOES HAVE
BEEN SUBJECT TO OFFICAL PHYTOSANITARY CONTROLS DURING THE GROWING
SEASON AND FOUND FREE OF THE FOLLOWING PARASITES:
VIRUSES, PARTICULARLY: SPINDLE TUBER, POTATO YELLOW
DWARF, POTATO WITCHES' BROOM, POTATO ANCUBA MOSAIC
POTATO LEAF ROLL, POTATO MOP TOP, POTATO VIRUS Y;
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BACTERIA SUCH AS: RING ROT, PSEUDOMO NAS SOLANACEARUM;
FUNGUS: SYNCHYTRIUM ENDOBIOTICUM; NEMATODES:
HETERODERA ROSTOCHIEUSIS; INSECTS: LEPTIMOTARSA
DECEMRPLINEATA.

IN THIS SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT SHOULD ALSO

MENTION THAT THE SHIPMENT IS FREE OF PHYTORIMEAE
OPERCULELLA.

IN ADDITION, POTATO SEEDS SHOULD NOT HAVE MORE
THAN 3 PERCENT OF TOTAL WEIGHT OF TUBERS DRY ROTTED OR WET
ROTTED, POWDERED SCURF AND MORE THAN ONE PERCENT
AFFECTED BY FUSARIUM OR PHYTOPHTORA.

ATTACKS BY SERIOUS COMMON SCURF (ARTINOMYCES
SEABIES) SHOULD NOT EXCEED 5 PERCENT OF TOTAL WEIGHT
(IT IS CONSIDERED SERIOUS COMMON SCURF WHEN SKIN LESIONS
CAUSED BY THE BACTERIA COVER ONE THIRD OF THE TUBERS).

END TEXT.
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